

Massachusetts

Dental Professional Loan Repayment Programs

The loan repayment programs offered in Massachusetts were established to assist dental health professionals provide services to our most vulnerable residents. This is accomplished by helping those who wish to practice in these areas repay loans accrued during their professional education. Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Primary Care Office coordinates and oversees these programs.

1. [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\)**](#)
2. [Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program Part A](#)
3. [Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program Part B- For Dentists Treating Children & Adults with Mental Retardation](#)

Maximum Award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHSC - \$50,000 for Dentists, \$50,000 for Dental Hygienists 2. MSLRP Part A - \$40,000 for Dentists, \$30,000 for Dental Hygienists 3. MSLRP Part B - \$30,000 for Dentists
Qualifications***	<p>US Citizen, unrestricted license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all other outstanding contractual obligations for health professional service to the Federal Government, state or other entities must be completed before a contract is signed</p> <p>*site must meet NHSC qualifying HPSA scores (see website)</p>
Service Obligation 2 years for all programs Renewal or reapplication options are available	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHSC - 40 hour work week, site must be located in a DHPSA 2. MSLRP Part A - Must work full-time in a CHC within a DHPSA 3. MSLRP Part B - Must work full or part-time (at least 16 hours per week) serving mentally retarded and developmentally disabled population
Annual Repayment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHSC - One payment per contract 2. MSLRP Part A & B - One to two payments per contract period <p>Funding may not exceed total amount of student loans.</p>
Qualifying Loans	<p>Must use funds for qualified student loans only. Loan statement required 2-4 times per year. Home equity loans and personal loans from individuals, such as friends or family members, are not considered qualifying loans. See website for more details</p>
Next Deadline	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NHSC - March 30th of each year 2. MSLRP Part A & B - Open enrollment

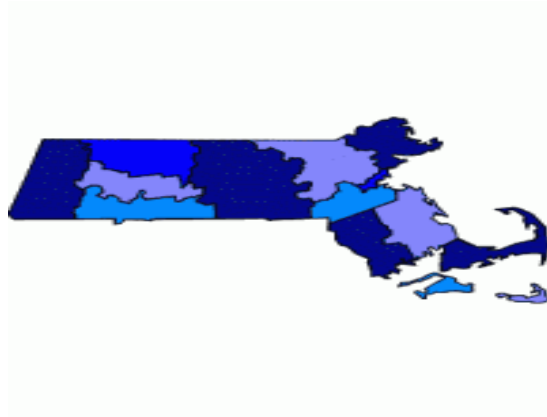
**Pending available federal and state funding

*****For more detailed information follow the instructions listed below**

If you have further questions, feel free to contact:

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**Follow these steps to Access More Detailed Information
on the Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program**

1. Go to www.mass.gov/osd
2. Look under "Online Services"
3. Find Solicitations and click "yes"
4. Browse all "Open Solicitations"
5. Look under "Entity/Department"
6. Search for "Department of Public Health"
7. Search for "Massachusetts State Loan Repayment Program"